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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1-9. (canceled)
- 10. (currently amended) A method for the treatment and/or or prophylaxis of multiple sclerosis (MS) comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of an inhibitor of IL-17 activity to a patient in need thereof.
- 11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the inhibitor is a small molecule (NCE).
- 12. (original) The method according to claim 10, wherein the inhibitor is a nucleic acid.
- 13. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the inhibitor is an antibody or a functionally active <u>antibody</u> fragment or derivative thereof.
- 14. (currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the antibody or antibody fragment thereof is monoclonal, polyclonal, chimeric, humanised humanized or bispecific.
- 15. (currently amended) The method according to claim 13 or claim 14 where wherein the antibody fragment is a Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂, scFv or epitope binding fragment thereof.
- 16. (currently amended) The method according to any one of claims 13 15 claim 13 wherein the antibody or antibody fragment thereof is conjugated to one or more effector molecule(s).
- 17. (currently amended) The method according to any one of claims 13-16 claim 13 in which wherein the antibody or antibody fragment thereof binds to IL-17.

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18. (currently amended) The method according to any one of claims 13-16 claim 13 in which wherein the antibody or antibody fragment thereof binds to IL-17R.

19. (currently amended) The method according to any one of claims 10-18 claim 10 where wherein the inhibitor of IL-17 activity is administered in combination with one or more other therapeutically active compounds.